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ARMAMENT MATTER IS UP TO HARDING

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE HAS BEEN EMPOWERED TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION.

PRESENT SOLUTION DOUBTFUL

Probable That Land Armaments to be Handled by League Commission on Same Basis as Naval.

Geneva.—The commission on disarmament of the council of the League of Nations in its full report finds that the Washington conference can better deal with the question of naval disarmament than the league and that it can be more effectively secured by common agreement among the great powers.

The discussion of this subject by the assembly commission thus far is in line with this conclusion, involving a slow but sure policy. With regard to land armaments also it appears that the same policy has the upper hand. It is probable that the question will come up before the assembly on that basis.

"Mankind is still too far removed from the ideals of peace to make possible at present the solution of the question of disarmament," is the final conclusion of the council's commission.

The replies to the assembly's request that the governments limit their expenditures for the purpose of armaments for two years to the amount of this year's budget are quoted in support of the commission's contention.

Mellon's Estimate Correct.
Washington.—Incomplete treasury reports of collections of September 15 installments of income and excess profits taxes indicated a practical certainty that Secretary Mellon's estimate of \$525,000,000 will be realized, officials said.

Masked Men Raid Distillery.
Bloomfield, Ky.—Twenty masked and armed men overpowered two guards at the B. McClasky & Sons distillery and escaped in seven touring cars with 88 cases and three barrels of whiskey.

Object to Vicious Textbooks.
Tokyo.—Formation of a committee which would submit school textbooks to a critical examination, with a view to rooting out sources of international prejudice, ignorance and hatred, is recommended by a representative group of Japanese peace workers.

Washington.—Wholesale prices increased 2.75 per cent in August over July levels, wholesale food prices leading in the advance with an increase of 13.5 per cent, according to figures made public by the department of labor.

Five Dynamiters Captured.
Chicago.—Fourteen hundred sticks of dynamite, three inches in diameter and ten inches long, and 100 sticks of T N T were seized by police following the capture of five dynamiters in the act of bombing a shoe repair shop.

Hun Celebration Broken Up.
Berlin.—A celebration at Wilmersdorf of the battle of Tannenberg, following the anniversary of that engagement, fought in East Prussia in 1914, was broken up by socialists and communists, who overpowered the nationalists.

Cotton Association to Meet.
Columbia, S. C.—J. Skottowe Wannemaker, president of the American Cotton association, announced that the association had accepted an invitation to hold its next annual meeting in Birmingham October 26-29.

Drowned While Aiding Brother.
Beaufort, S. V.—William Haddock, a white boy 21 years of age, was drowned near his home at Haged, was pinned while attempting to rescue his brother who had called for help.

8,000 View Body of Actress.
Los Angeles.—Approximately 8,000 persons viewed the body of Miss Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress, for whose alleged murder Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle is held in the San Francisco prison.

Strike is Voted, But Deferred.
Chicago.—Railroad shopmen belonging to the Six Federated Shop Crafts union have voted to strike against the general railroad wage reduction of July 1, 1921, but will defer action.

GOVERNOR HARDING DELIVERS ADDRESS

FUTURE PROSPERITY DEPENDS ENTIRELY UPON METHODS OF CROP MARKETING.

NEED PROPER CO-OPERATION

Necessity Stressed For Pushing Our Foreign Trade, Notably as it Relates to Products of South.

Charlotte, N. C.—The future prosperity of the whole country, and especially the South, hinges upon the method of crop marketing and what prices prevail for the raw products of those districts "in which normally so large a part of the country's purchasing power lies," is the declaration of Governor W. P. G. Harding of the Federal Reserve Board, who was the city's guest and delivered an exhaustive address at the exposition grounds on the subject of "What the Federal Reserve Board is and What it is Not."

Governor Harding declared that, "with proper co-operation on the part of merchants and bankers, those engaged in agriculture now have opportunities and prospects, which nobody anticipated a few months ago."

He stressed also the necessity for pushing the foreign trade of the nation, notably as it relates to cotton and the many products of Southern farms. "Some means must be devised," he said, "for extending long time credits abroad or interesting American investors in foreign properties and securities."

Many Varieties of Churches.
Pittsburgh.—One of the greatest difficulties confronting the church lies in the fact that there are 175 varieties of churches in America, Dr. Baxter P. Fullerton, of St. Louis, told the World's Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches here.

Price of Soft Coal Advanced.
St. Louis.—Prices of soft coal, virtually unchanged since April 1, have been advanced 25 cents a ton here by some companies, according to an announcement which declared the other concerns would make an equal advance on October 1.

Increase Size of Delegations.
Washington.—News from England indicates that Great Britain will have six members on her delegation to the armament conference. If this is her wish it will be granted and every delegation will be increased.

Indian Day is Observed.
Chicago.—Chief Oshkosh, a Winnebago Indian, recently returned from France, where he has been teaching forestry, heads the Indians participating in Chicago's celebration of Indian Day.

Bar Silver Price Advances.
New York.—An advance in the price of bar silver in London, due mainly to a continuance of the demand from China and India, was met by an advance here to 68 1/2 cents an ounce.

R. R. Car Trust Certificates.
Washington.—Sale of railroad car trust certificates held by the government amounting to \$30,298,500 was announced by the War Finance corporation.

Decision on Bars in Saloons.
Madison, Wis.—Bars in saloons need not be removed or altered to comply with the new state prohibition law, Judge Stevens told attorneys for Milwaukee saloon interests.

Beer Bill Back Before Senate.
Washington.—The beer bill got before the senate by a vote of 31 to 23 after Chairman Penrose, of the finance committee, had sought to have the tax revision bill taken up first.

850 Bodies Recovered.
Paris.—Up to morning 850 bodies had been recovered from the ruins at Oppau where the plant of the Badische Anilin company blew up.

Reduce Discount Rates.
New York.—The directors of the Federal Reserve bank of New York cut the rediscount rate from 5 1/2 to 5 per cent.

Judge Holds Up Electrocuting.
Little Rock, Ark.—United States District Judge Jacob Treiber granted a writ of habeas corpus in the case of six Elaine negroes sentenced to be electrocuted and issued a temporary restraining order enjoining state authorities from executing sentence pending hearing of the case.

Some Would-be Postmasters.

Washington, (Special).—Postmaster General Hayes has finally brought things to pass so that the various communities of the country will be able to know the names of the men and the woman who desire positions as postmasters.

Here are the lists of those who stood the examinations for postmasters in Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Mount Olive:

Greensboro: Simeon A. Hodgins, Balem C. Campbell, J. H. Armfield, Luren D. Mendenhall, Roscoe C. Chandley, Paul A. Burns, William L. Scott, Edward E. Mendenhall and Joseph B. White.

Winston-Salem: Joseph E. Fry, Charles E. Hamilton, Sam E. Vance, John T. Benbow, John R. Walker, Nixon L. Crawford, Levi W. Ferguson. Mount Olive: William J. Flowers, John L. Smith, Daniel Jones, William N. Williams, George E. Lewis, Marion L. Hargrove, Claude B. Herring, Matthew J. Kornegay and Homer Brock.

Examinations for postmasters in North Carolina announced by the Civil Service Commission for October 14 are to fill vacancies at Albemarle, salary \$2,000; Hertford, salary \$2,300; Lenoir \$2,500; Madison \$2,300; Wadesboro, \$2,500.

Fire Prevention Day.

Governor Morrison, in a proclamation set aside Monday, October 10, as fire prevention day, and urged its observance by all the citizens of the state.

"It is a reproach that North Carolina should suffer millions of dollars of loss annually from fires caused by negligence," the proclamation says.

Conservation of human life is man's noblest work," the proclamation continues. "Next in importance is the protection of our property assets. The destruction by fire during 1920 reached such enormous proportions as to leave us little room for pride. In North Carolina alone it reached the startling sum of six millions of dollars and 337 lives."

To better these conditions, the governor appeals to local authorities to give attention to building regulations, and to the citizens to co-operate with the state insurance department in its fire prevention campaigns.

Applicants for Postmaster.

Washington, (Special).—Four vacancies exist in North Carolina for admission to the Military Academy at West Point next July, the War Department announced. The vacancies are in the third, sixth, ninth and tenth districts.

Florence Cain has been appointed acting postmaster at Elizabethtown.

Port of Missing Cigarettes.

Sixteen thousand dollars worth of cigarettes have been stolen from freight cars at Apex during the last year, according to testimony developed in the Wake county courthouse in the trial of James Little, sentenced to two years and a half for stealing cigarettes.

The figures were given by the railroad agent at Apex, which is the transfer point for shipment of cigarettes manufactured in Durham.

Road Contract Awarded.

W. F. McCanless, Charlotte road contractor, was awarded contract for the construction of 3.2 miles of road in Gaston county, connecting Gastonia and Dallas, by the North Carolina highway commission.

Almost half a hundred road contractors were present and filed bids for the construction of this road before the bids were opened.

Oldest Lawyer in Raleigh Dead.

Col. J. W. Hinsdale, oldest member of the Raleigh Bar and probably the oldest practicing attorney in the state, died at his home after a brief illness. He was the last surviving Colonel of the Confederate army living in North Carolina.

Colonel Hinsdale on February 4 celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday.

Henderson to be Electrocutted.

Frank Henderson, Madison county white man, lost his last appeal for life when the governor declined to interfere with the death sentence of the courts. He will be electrocuted October 10 for the murder of his wife.

Attack Fisheries Commission.

Attack on the constitutionality of regulations prescribed by the state fisheries commission was made in the supreme court in the hearing of the appeal of Henry Dudley, Carteret county man, convicted and sentenced for scraping scallops in Bogue sound.

The case is novel and is almost on all fours with the status of child labor regulations in the state. Both the fishing and labor regulations are fixed by boards created by the general assembly. The right to create these boards is questioned.

STATE UNIVERSITY OPENING DELAYED

CHAPEL HILL SUFFERING THE LONGEST DROUGHT IN THE HISTORY OF THE TOWN.

NO RAIN IN SEVERAL MONTHS

The Usual Thanksgiving Recess Will Probably be Eliminated in Order to Recover Lost Time.

Chapel Hill.—The continuance of the longest drought in the history of Chapel Hill has forced the University to postpone its opening from September 27, to Tuesday, October 4.

There has been no real rain here worthy of the name since the middle of May. There have been a few showers, but these have barely laid the dust. The vegetable and grain crops of the region have been killed.

The meagre Summer population has been able to get along in recent weeks because, it has been served by a water plant designed for the peak load of the college year. But even with this relatively small demand a serious water scarcity has arisen.

A thorough survey of all possible sources of water supply around Chapel Hill demonstrates that the drying up process has gone so far that, even if there should be considerable rain in the next few days, there would still be danger to health in opening on schedule time.

It is planned to eliminate the Thanksgiving recess in order to make up for the week lost by postponement.

Raleigh.—Preparations for the staging of the episodes of our early history on Roanoke Island are in full way, and indications are that everything ready for the cameramen.

A rehearsal of the storming of Fort Raleigh by the Indians, when the fifteen men left by Sir Richard Greenville were slain or driven into their boats to perish later was held under the direction of Mrs. Thomas of the Department of Education.

Asheville.—An optimistic statement concerning the future business outlook for the country was given out here by R. E. Simpson, general manager of the Southern Railway system. While here Mr. Simpson has been a prominent figure attending the Scottish Rite ceremonies, and delivered one of the principal lectures before the Constitutional Class of Scottish Rite Masons.

Gastonia.—The board of city school commissioners has accepted the bid of Sydney Spitzer & Company, of Toledo, Ohio, for the entire issue of \$450,000 school bonds, proceeds of which are to be used for the erection of a new high school building and for additions to the colored school building in North Gastonia.

Wake Forest.—Four hundred and eighty registrants was the total enrollment of Wake Forest College at the end of the second week of registration. This number represents about seventy-five students less than the registration at the same time for the 1920-21 session of Wake Forest.

Winston-Salem.—The local tobacco market opened a new season and sold 350,000 pounds at an average of about 25 cents. Farmers here expressed themselves as being thoroughly satisfied with prices received, they being larger than had been predicted.

Greensboro.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Goldsboro Street Railway company here in the chamber of commerce rooms the city bought all outstanding stock in the Goldsboro Street Railway company and in the future this car line will be owned and operated by the city government.

Apex.—The tobacco market opened with 35,000 pounds and approximately 3.00 people present. Offerings were the last cuttings of a very nondescript type with an average of approximately 25 cents. Traveling buyers say this was the highest opening in this belt for type offered.

Futile Search for Murderer.
Statesville.—Bob Benson, negro who fatally wounded Robert Disham, influential farmer and lumberman, by crushing his skull with a gun barrel, is still at large notwithstanding the fact that officers and posses of citizens have been scouring the woods of Iredell county for two nights and two days.

FALSE TOP TO AUTOMOBILE

Ford Coupe, When Seized and Searched by Traffic Cop, was Found to Contain 83 Quarts of Liquor.

Salisbury.—If you had always been able to sit upright in a Ford coupe and you should get in a stranger's car and your head would hit the ceiling, what would you think. What a workman at a local garage thought brought to light an ingenious way of carrying whiskey and caused the turning over of 83 quarts of the stuff to Rowan's sheriff.

Traffic Cop Gallimore halted a coupe that was coming into town from the south at too rapid a gait and the occupants, a white man and a negro, were brought to the courthouse to arrange for bond. A pistol was found in the white man's grip, and this complicated things somewhat.

In the meantime the car was placed in a garage, and when a workman went to move it he found the top was low. Investigation showed there was a compartment built in between the ceiling and the cover of the top, and in this was found 43 quarts of whiskey. Other hidden compartments found under and back of the seat and in these were 40 quarts of whiskey. Another pistol was also found in the car.

The white man gave his name as Wolfe Silver and his home as Savannah, Ga. The negro said he was Grady Coleman. The car was carrying a South Carolina tag, but a Georgia tag was also found inside.

Asheville.—At a mass meeting held in the courthouse and attended by between 500 and 600 persons, Attorney Spears Reynolds, former judge of municipal court arraigned the acts of the city commissioners and following his address three others spoke favoring the recall of Mayor Gallatin Roberts, Commissioner of Public Work R. J. Sherrill, and Commissioner of Public Safety R. L. Fitzpatrick.

Fayetteville.—Five cotton mills in this city are experiencing an enforced shut-down for two days a week caused by the power economy program of the Carolina Power company, made necessary by low water in the streams from which the company's electric power is generated. Fifty-three other mills on the Carolina company's lines are similarly affected.

Raleigh.—Governor Morrison announced the triple appointment of Judge William J. Adams, of Carthage, to the supreme court, to succeed the late Associate Justice William R. Allen; Solicitor Walter E. Brock, of Wadesboro, to succeed Judge Adams on the superior court bench, and state Senator M. W. Nash, of Hamlet, so licitor, to succeed Mr. Brock.

Mooresville.—Harry P. Deaton announced in his paper, The Mooresville Enterprise, that he has sold a half interest in the newspaper and job plant that he has operated for many years. Frank B. Freeze is the purchaser and will become an active partner in the business, beginning October 1.

Asheboro.—Randolph county fair will begin September 28, and continue until October 1. The first building on the fair ground is to be 30 by 150 feet. This will be the exhibit building. In addition to this there will be thirty or forty stalls for the cattle.

Winston-Salem.—James W. Lasley, died at a local hospital from injuries sustained in Walnut Cove by being run over by his own automobile. While cranking the car, which had been left in gear, the machine started off.

Shelby.—The Western North Carolina Weekly Press association held its quarterly convention here at the Cleveland Springs hotel. The editors were welcomed to the city by Mayo, J. T. Gardner and the response was made by Noah Hollowell, of Hendersonville.

Greensboro.—John Winder, of this city, was fined \$50 in police court on a charge of retailing. The specific charge was that he sold a quart of whiskey to Judge R. C. Strudwick, a prominent member of the local bar. Winder is a prominent business man.

Many Visitors at Exposition.
Charlotte.—Six hundred Cabarrus people, coming from Concord, Kannapolis, Mt. Pleasant, Jackson Training school and other parts of Mecklenburg's neighbor on the northeast, were at the Made-in-Carolinas exposition, with John M. Oglesby, Concord attorney, as their spokesman, while the Jackson Training school band added much to the musical program of the afternoon.

About 300 people, many of them school children, made the trip on the special train.

GOOD OPENING OF TOBACCO MARKETS

LIGHT OFFERINGS OF FAIRLY GOOD WEED MARKED DAY IN PIEDMONT SECTION.

HIGHEST AT FUQUAY SPRINGS

Sanford Got Into Action With 75,000 Pounds at an Average of a Little Better Than 23 Cents.

Raleigh. Piedmont tobacco markets opened with generally light offerings and prices averaged around 20 cents, which on the whole was considered quite satisfactory and especially pleasing because it was better than the opening prices for last year.

Fuquay Springs seems to have topped the markets in the Piedmont with an average of 30 cents for a hundred thousand pounds, but this is explained with the better grades of tobacco offered.

The Raleigh market got into action in fine style with offerings of 12,000 pounds averaging around 20 cents.

Winston-Salem, biggest tobacco center in the Piedmont, reported sales of 25 cents.

Henderson had a 100,000 pounds at 20 cents a pound.

With approximately 200,000 pounds of tobacco on the floors of its warehouses, Durham reported an average of 24 cents with a few sales in evidence.

Sanford got into action with 75,000 pounds at an average of a little better than 23 cents, which was considered especially good.

Burlington reported sales of 20,000 pounds at an average of 20 cents with big crowds on hand to watch the sales.

More Applicants for Jobs.
Continuing the list of parties making application for appointments as postmasters in North Carolina, and who have taken the examinations, there is given the lists of applicants for postmasters in Greenville, Gastonia and Hickory as follows:

Greenville, vacancy occurred July 21, 1921; examination held August 26, 1921; salary, \$2,800; applicants: David J. Whichard, J. W. Brown, H. T. King, E. L. Clark, J. J. Gilbert, T. K. Pruette, H. R. Munford.

Gastonia vacancy occurred January 28, 1920; examination held July 28, 1921; salary, \$1,900; applicants: Francis H. Slate, Roger P. Washam, T. C. Smith, G. D. Boyd, F. P. Rockett, Eulalie H. Quinn, George K. Rawlings, J. H. Hanna, E. C. Pasour.

Hickory, vacancy occurred April 1, 1921; examination July 16, 1921; salary, \$2,800; applicants: M. H. Aben, H. W. Miller, U. S. G. Ball, C. T. Gilliken.

Making Loan Fund Available.
Plans for making North Carolina's share of the War Finance Board's billion dollar agricultural loan fund available to the farmers of the state were formulated at the initial session of the Board's state committee, and farmers desiring to borrow money can do so at their local banks. Application blanks can be secured from Chairman James R. Young, in Raleigh.

Use of the money is restricted to the growing, harvesting, preparing for none of it may be used for any permanent improvement, and interest will be charged at the rate of 6 per cent.

Brock Appointment Approved.
The appointment of Solicitor Brock of Wadesboro, as judge of the fifteenth district to succeed Judge Adams, is pleasing, particularly to the Warren supporters. Mr. Brock has long been in party harness and his elevation is gratifying to the state at large. Senator Nash a capital favorite always named to succeed Solicitor Brock, will make an able prosecuting officer.

No Divorce for Insanity.
Confinement in the state hospital for the insane for a period of 10 years is not the separation the statutes contemplate as a cause for divorce, according to an opinion written by Chief Justice Walter Clark in the case of A. R. Lee vs. Saphrony Ann Lee, from Johnston.

Home of Judge Bailes Raided.
Charlotte.—Officers of two states moved upon the premises of Squire W. O. Bailes, two miles below Pineville, the North Carolina law enforcers coming away with a booty of 56 quarts of bottled in bond whiskey.

Two sets of officers were involved in the transaction for reason that a part of the property of Squire Bailes is on the North Carolina side and part in the South Carolina dominion. It so happened that the stored liquor was in a crib that was located on Tar Heel soil.